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Hongkong, August 3, 1908. 816

**VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.****NOTICE.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the GYMNASIUM on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd September, at 5.15 p.m., for the purpose of considering and passing the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 1907.

FRANK LAMBERT,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 14, 1908. 1261

**HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the CITY HALL, on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st August; and of electing Officers for the ensuing year, &c.

DAVID WOOD,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 2, 1908. 1217

**KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Club Pavilion on MONDAY, the 22nd Sept., at 5.15 p.m.

T. CHIE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1908. 1266

**INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR & EXPRESS TRAINS COMPANY.**

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Hongkong, August 7, 1907. 1286

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Hongkong, September 1, 1908. 1111

## CANADIAN FIRES.

## Some Personal Experiences.

A great district in British Columbia is suffering a dread experience of the power of fire. To us, it seems strange how rapidly fires in Canada spread, and how frequently we read of great cities being absolutely destroyed by the flames. Various conditions of locale and structure are responsible, and some of them it seems to the traveller might certainly be altered. In new towns the houses are, seldom of more than one or two stories, and escape is not difficult to those who do not deny too long.

The district affected is a mining centre, mountainous and thickly timbered. Moreover, the woods are largely pine, and highly inflammable, whilst the great heat of the summer months dries the branches and foliage to a ready fuel, so light that it is carried by the wind to a great distance and so the flames are spread. I once saw a great fire in the Rocky Mountains. Luckily I was able to watch it from a safe vantage ground.

It was in early Spring, when the snows had melted from the trees, and yet stayed on the mountains. Where the fire was raging most fiercely, was a sea of flame, rushing from tree-top to tree-top as it spread; where it had passed, the huge tree trunks were left a glowing red charcoal, as though the mountains were held by an army of giant sentinels clad in red. Where towns are built near to the forests, it is very easy for showers of sparks to be carried amongst the wooden dwellings, and they are soon ablaze.

It is not many years since the young city of Vancouver was entirely destroyed, with the exception of a single house, by a fire that had spread from the neighbouring forest: I was in Ottawa some years ago when a great part of that splendid city, and practically the whole of Hull on the opposite side of the river, were destroyed.

It was a nightmare of horror; the fire began in the heart of the city, and not from the bush. There are some evil-minded souls, who say in every misfortune "cherchez la femme," and it certainly was a woman who set Hull and Ottawa ablaze. She piled on so large a fire to heat the oven that the wooden walls took fire, and the cottage was ablaze in a moment. Ready fuel was to hand in the wooden tenements crowded around, and in the wooden side walks. A strong wind soon spread the flames till they reached a big lumber yard, and then the fate of the City was sealed.

To me, as one of the ignorant, it always seems an extraordinary thing that so progressive a people as the Canadians should, in a country where fires are so frequent, adhere to the custom of having wooden side-walks which afford a ready avenue for the spread of the flames, and are, moreover, in wet weather, of extreme discomfort to the pedestrian. Then they seek up a goosy store of moisture, which, when one treads unwarily on a worn plank, sends up a little douche of mud both cold and dirty. Further, it seems astounding that the enormous lumber yards should be allowed in the midst of a city. Once one of them takes fire the very draught caused by the burning mass is sufficient to carry the sparks a great distance over the wooden buildings. That is what happened in Ottawa. From timber-yard to timber-yard, and from street to street, spread the flames, till the whole of Hull was ablaze. The banks and other stone edifices, churches and offices, mills and power stations, all were utter ruins. The neighbourhood of the Chandler Falls

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## HONGKONG, September 17, 1908. 1274

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F. LAMBERT, Hon. Sec. V.R.C.,

or Sporting Editor, 'China Mail',

Hongkong, September 17, 1908. 1279

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## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

## Auction.

11 a.m.—Auction of Magnificent Irish Linens, &amp;c., at No. 55, Des Voeux Road Central, formerly occupied by Mutual Store.

## Meeting.

Noon—Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

## Miscellaneous

Transfer Bonds of Hongkong Cotton Spinning Weaving &amp; Dyeing Co., Ltd., close from this date to 26th Sept., inclusive.

## General Memoranda.

MONDAY, September 21—

Goods per *Pile de la Colonne* unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.Goods per *Andria* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, September 22—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Ornaments and Embroideries, &amp;c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Room.

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WEDNESDAY, September 23—

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Recreation Club, at Gymnasium.

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Cricket Club, at Club Pavilion.

THURSDAY, September 24—

Goods per *Prins Waldemar* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, September 25—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society at City Hall.

SATURDAY, September 26—

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Cotton Spinning Weaving &amp; Dyeing Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.'s Office.

TUESDAY, October 6—

5.30 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Mr. Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Room.

## NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that have already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1908.

## CODDLING.

THERE is a well-marked tendency now-a-days to make things as comfortable as possible for everybody, to smooth down the roughness and to eliminate the hardships which our fathers thought so necessary to the proper building up of character and the due maintenance of discipline. In all walks of life we see it; from the highest to the lowest no rank is exempt. The schoolboy has decided an easier time to-day than he had his father; the artisan and mechanic is protected in a thousand ways unknown to his forebears, while there is no gain-saying the fact that conditions are much easier for the soldier and sailor in His Majesty's service than they were less than a quarter of a century ago. While not quarrelling with the spread of

humanitarian ideas generally nor find-

ing fault with the more humane system

prevailing at the present time, we still

see that there is some justice in the

complaints of the "old-timers" that

coddling has been carried a little too

far in some branches of life, and that

the time has come for calling a halt so

that we may take a survey and deter-

mine where limits may be safely placed.

In a letter to the *United Service Gazette*,

"An Old-time Seaman" brings out one

aspect of the question which is well

worth discussing. He takes as his text

the suggestion recently advanced that

the soldier should be instructed in some

practical methods of preparing his own

meals when on the march, and says

that this should have been done years

ago. The writer then proceeds—

"To a naval man, the way the soldier

has been for years coddled up in

bordering on the ridiculous, not only

the soldier, but the officer as well.

Someone is told off in the regiment to

perform every little duty that is out-

side soldiering proper. The excuse, no

doubt, is that if the best is to be got

out of a man he must be eased off all

outside labour, with the result that the

Army possesses a splendid lot of

absolutely unresourceful men. This is

not new, it has existed, at least, for

twenty years; before that time the

writer has no experience to guide him.

But during the 1884-5 Nile Campaign

there was ample opportunity to judge

the amount of resource our brothers in

arms could boast of, and I am bound

to say it was of a very minute descrip-

tion. Some may say that the Nile

Campaign was unique, and the soldier

was suddenly dumped into an unusual

element. True, certain aspects were

unique, but food is food all the world

over, and my experience was that the

soldier would make a feed, while the

soldier starved and grumbled. If there is

one thing the soldier excels in, it is

grumbling. He seems to have a growl

ready for any and everything that

comes in his path. The writer once

took passage in a transport, as one of

a very few seamen, the remainder of

the cargo being odds and ends from

different regiments then serving in

Egypt. Coming from a man-of-war

where everything was rough and ready,

so to speak, we felt suddenly dropped

into heaven. The accommodation was

good, the food excellent, and the

variety certainly much superior to what

we had been accustomed to. Well! not

many days had passed before we were

approached by a few, what we should

term in the Navy 'Sea-Lawyers,' as to

whether we thought the food was fit for

human beings. We said, 'Yes, and

could do with it for ever.' This answer

evidently did not meet with the approval

of the deputation that waited on our little

mess, and presently an officer came along

to investigate the complaint of the

troops. On this particular day the

complaint was that soup, which was

very excellent and loaded with preserved

vegetables of a nature that we had never

experienced in the Navy, was insipid,

being quite devoid of seasoning. What

happened to the cook, I am sure I forget

but a few days later it was this particular

soup again, and again there was a

vigorous outcry. This time there was

too much seasoning; in fact, someone

started the yarn that it had been made

with 'salt water.' Kettle after kettle was

taken to the upper deck for the officers

to make an inspection. Presently an

orderly was sent bidding us to appear

before this tribunal to hear what we had

to say about it. Whether our insides

were copper-lined or not I am at a loss

to state, but we one and all thought we

had never tasted such delicious soup

before, and we were not exaggerating

one little bit; it was simply grand. Of

course, our evidence did not altogether

counterbalance that of all the others, but

it went a long way, and we had to put

up with black looks and uncomplimen-

tary remarks for some time. All these

complaints are due to the fact that the

individual soldier has no responsibility.

Were he compelled to shift for himself

and provide his necessities a little

often, he would soon realize that there

was not much to complain of in the way

the professional members of his regiment

cater for him. Until a few years ago

the sailor had no special departments to

wait on him. He belonged strictly to the

'step-and-fetch-it-order.' The cooks gave

his self-prepared meal the regulation

time in the ovens or coppers. If it had

been prepared properly it must be all

right; if it happened to turn out a failure,

well, it was his own fault—so said the

cook. Under these circumstances it takes

a very little practice to concoct a dish

with any description of joint that the

mess may be served out with, and some

of us prided ourselves on our ability in

this direction. Unfortunately, this art

will soon be as dead in the Navy as it is

in the Army. A fiat has gone forth

that food is no longer to be prepared by

the various messes in a ship, but that

the cookery staff is to take complete

control of this matter. In most ships

now the men draw the provisions and

take the quantities to the galley and tell

the cook they want so-and-so. They

see no more of this until meal time

when they go for the finished article.

Time may be saved by this arrangement,

food may be better prepared, waste may

be eliminated to a certain extent; but

the loss of resource that is bound to

follow will be hard to replace. During

the last few years the Navy has changed

out of all recognition. The seaman's

clothes, which he once took a great

pride in, or most of them did, are all

made on the alp system. Raw material

is no longer carried for the use of the

seaman. Certain stock sizes are carried

by the clothing department, and the

man must take the nearest fit he can

get. Should it require altering he must

do it himself. But there lies the

difficulty. Many a man could cut

out and make a suit of clothes, but

few can pull to pieces and build up

afresh, so, as to make it present-

able. This has been recently recog-

nised, and men are now being trained

as 'tailors' to alter, and keep in repair

the kits of the ship's company. Soon

there will not be a man capable of sew-

ing on a button; indeed, at the present

time one frequently meets a man who,

when found fault with, says 'I can't

repair it, sir.' Ready-made clothes may

be a great convenience, ready-made food

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# China Express Co., Sued.

# THE JUDGMENT.

At the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice Gompertz, delivered judgment in the action in which the China Express Co., were sued by W. Barker and Co., for the delivery of ten bags of fire brick alleged to be, wrongfully detained by the defendants of the value thereof.

His Lordship said—I have taken time to consider my decision in this case, and am delivering a written judgment because, although the actual amount involved is only the small sum of \$12.50, the question I have to decide is as to the right of forwarding agents to collect fees from consignees in the Colony.

The facts of the case are shortly as follows: The plaintiff who trades in Hongkong as William Barker and Company, sent an order on 28th April last to a firm—the Hawley Down Draft Furnace Company—for the supply of ten cases of fire bricks. The vendor delivered the goods to the firm of A. W. H. Post and Company, freight contractors of New York, and received from them the document which is entitled a receipt for the goods and a contract for carriage. This document was signed "A. H. Post and Company" as forwarders, and was endorsed in blank by the Hawley Down Company and sent by them to plaintiff, with a bill for the price, which was accepted by the plaintiff. This through bill of lading contained a notice that application for delivery must be made to the China Express Company, Hongkong. On 26th August the defendants, the China Express Company, received a bill of lading comprising these and other goods signed by the New York agents for the U. S. and China, Japan Steamship Line, and endorsed in blank by A. H. Post and Company. On receipt of these documents defendant company sent to the plaintiff an invoice claiming \$17.50 for their charges in addition to the sum due to the Post Company for freight. Now it appears that the plaintiff had previously notified the defendant company that he would pay no charges to them and that he desired them not to handle any goods which might arrive consigned to him. He returned the invoice stating that he had already desired the defendant company not to handle his goods and he refused to pay the defendant's charges. He then received from the defendants another invoice dated 26th August claiming \$12.50 for charges, and a letter of advice with an endorsement asking if he refused the cargo and stating that a special landing could not be arranged unless they had previous notice. Some correspondence followed, and on August 22nd the plaintiff went to the office of the defendant company and tendered the amount of freight claimed by Post and Company, but defendants refused to accept it or to give a delivery order unless their charges were also paid. On August 28th defendants removed the goods from the Kowloon godown to their own premises in Hongkong, and defendants' manager, Mr. Heikie, explains that he did this for convenience as he was moving other goods which had come under the same bill of lading and it was cheaper to move them together. Finally, as defendants could not give a delivery order in return for the freight, except on payment of their charges of \$12.50, (made it appear as to \$5 their agency charges and as to \$7.50 the cost of bringing the goods over from Kowloon). The plaintiff brought this action for the delivery up of the goods or their value and he asks for the expenses of transferring them back to Kowloon where he required them. Now this being an action of detinue the first question to consider is whether the plaintiff has the property in the goods he claims a right to possession.

If the property has not passed to him he cannot of course claim the goods themselves, though if they are wrongfully withheld he may have an action on the contract for damages against his vendor. It was urged for the defendant that the property had never passed to the plaintiff; that the China Express Company, as consignees of the bill of lading, had the *quodammodo* vested in them, and furthermore, that where a bill of lading is taken to the vendor's order it is decisive of his intention to reserve the *quodammodo* and prevent the property passing to the vendee. I do not think that I can dispose very shortly of this argument. The question of the passing of property has to be decided on the whole facts of the case and I have no doubt whatever that when the vendor delivered the goods to the forwarding agent and sent a through bill of lading endorsed in blank to the plaintiff, the property in the goods then passed to the purchaser by the election of the vendor. As to the bill of lading for carriage by sea it was a contract between the forwarding agent and the carriers and its endorsement to the defendant company did no more than transfer to them the rights, not of course right in property possessed by the forwarding agent. Again it was argued for defendants that plaintiff could not bring this action without bringing into court the amount admitted to be due for freight. The reply is, I think, that if defendants were not wrongfully refused delivery of the goods they were guilty of conversion and because from that moment, *quodammodo* possession under the old system of pleading they had in such a case, pleaded lien it would be a good plea, and plaintiff is entitled to discharge the lien had been made and it would be wholly unnecessary to allege payment into court. I am clear that no payment into court was necessary. This property then being in the plaintiff he has further the right to

# SPORTING.

# Hongkong Cricket League.

The Hongkong Cricket League, by kind permission of Messrs Shawan, Tones and Co., held their annual meeting at the Company's offices on Thursday evening. Mr. R. Hancock presided and there were present—Messrs W. D. Braidwood, J. Mead, F. A. Biden, W. Withers, A. O. Brown, R. B. Beattie, Tang Chee, Sergeant Major Power and Sergeant Kay, with the secretary Mr. A. E. Ager.

The report and accounts were adopted on the proposition of the President, seconded by Mr. Withers.

Mr. R. Hancock was re-elected President. Mr. W. D. Braidwood, vice president, and Mr. A. E. Ager, hon. secretary and treasurer.

It was agreed that entries for the League close on September 26.

The President said that the secretary had received a letter asking that a joint team of the members of Messrs Dodwell and Co.'s staff and those of Messrs Shawan, Tones and Co., be allowed to enter for the league. At present they had not a ground of their own but would have no difficulty in getting the loan of one, and according to rule 7, no club had a right to enter the league unless it had a ground of its own.

Mr. Biden—A club entered last year that had no ground of its own, but subsequently got one. Why shouldn't this club be allowed to enter?

The President—If they make arrangements to get a ground.

The secretary was instructed to write informing the applicant that there would be no objection provided they got the right to use a ground.

The Hongkong Cricket Club wrote asking to be allowed to enter two teams.

The Vice-President proposed and Mr. Withers seconded that the application be granted under league conditions.

This was agreed to.

The granting of a similar application on behalf of the Kowloon Cricket Club was proposed by the President and seconded by Mr. Beattie.

Mr. Brown proposed an amendment that the club be not allowed to enter two teams for the reason that he did not think it good that each club should be allowed to enter two teams in the same competition. The Hongkong Cricket Club was an exception as it was so much stronger.

Mr. Biden—The Hongkong Club is an exceptional case. If they put in one team it would be too strong.

Mr. Biden—It is possible for any club to strengthen itself during the season.

# CHINESE STOWAWAYS.

# Heavy Penalties.

At the Magistrate's day, eight natives were charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp for being stowaways on the Prinz Waldemar, bound for Sydney.

Captain Rendel stated he found the defendants on the top of the ship's boilers.

His Worship—What is the penalty if a Chinese gets into Australia?—£100.

Is the captain fined, or the owners?—The owners.

Were the defendants handed over to the police in Australia?—No, I had them locked up until the Chinese Merchants' Association paid a guarantee of £100 each that they would not run away.

Who would get the £100 if they did?—The Australian Government.

Defendants said they had given the head man \$600 apiece to take them to Australia. He guaranteed their landing in Australia.

His Worship said this was a serious offence against the Australian Government and imposed a fine of \$1000 each, or in default six months' imprisonment.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

# A SUGGESTION.

(To The Editor of the China Mail.)  
Sir,—As the steamers of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co. Ltd. are now running free from competition, perhaps its popular Secretary, Mr. W. H. Clarke, would be good enough to fix the time of the excursion steamer leaving Macao later, say, 6 p.m. or even 7, for the convenience of those who often go over for some business. Going over to Macao on Sundays we have scarcely time to enjoy our trip at the Hotel when we have to run back to the steamer in order not to miss passage.

By a later arrangement we can guarantee a greater number of passengers.

I was one of the passengers on last Sunday's trip. I had scarcely time to get my things at the Oriental Hotel, I mean, a quiet not a hurried trip, when I was compelled to leave the table without my coffee, for fear of missing passage back, as the boat was leaving at 3 p.m.—Yours, &c.

# AN EXCURSIONIST.

HONGKONG, Sept. 16, 1908.

# SHIPPING.

The s.s. Pinguet (Blue Funnel Line), berthed this morning at No. 2 wharf, Kowloon.

The Government Dredger St. Enoch, which undocks to-morrow, is being coated with the well known Sater Hartmann and Ralston's Antifouling Composition.

The master of the Shun Lee was charged at the Marine Court to-day, with failing to stop when called upon to do so by the police. The case was remanded.

The s.s. Eastern, which reached port today from Australian ports, encountered a clear weather, with light to moderate S.E. to E. winds—until passing through the Baseline Straits, when light to moderate variable winds with heavy passing showers continued to Manila. From the latter port across the China Sea fine weather was experienced.

Der Ostasiatische Lloyd prints a long article in which the German case against M. de Rijke's scheme for the construction of the Huangpu is set forth at length. The main heads of the indictment are as follows:—1. That M. de Rijke's contention that the river is being digged by the persistent silting up of the Junk Channel even where it has already been dredged. 2. That there is a danger of the Junk Channel being closed before the Junk Channel can be used. 3. That the present scheme is proving too costly to complete and to maintain. The North China Daily News trusts that all the facts to which reference is made will be speedily allayed by satisfactory reassurances on the part of the Government engineers.

An unwelcome visitor is headache. Come when it isn't wanted, and stays till it gets ready to leave. But if you take Stearns' Headache Cure it will leave in a hurry.

# ALLAN DALE ON ELINOR GLYN.

Allan Dale, the well-known critic of New York, has this to say concerning Elinor Glyn's adventure in the theatrical world:—

Elinor Glyn had a tea party at the Adelphi Theatre this afternoon and invited her English and American friends to a private performance of "Three Weeks," dramatized by her own fair self.

Elinor's almost pathetic affection for dear America and those sweet Americans was shown in the fetching little she said me. "I am not asking any but my friends," she wrote, "but to be one of them, at least, as far as I am concerned, I love your country and everything about it. I am having my 'Three Weeks' produced privately because I wanted my friends here to see my work before it goes to America. I want to amuse my friends."

And amuse them she certainly did. Gorgeous stinkies in lace breeches danced all over the Adelphi and every one who thought himself any one was there.

Mrs. Glyn sprang a big and gorgeous and purple surprise by playing the leading role of the lady herself. Not being of the theatrical temperament, however, let me hasten to say that the afternoon though warm outside the theatre, wasn't as torrid as Elinor would have had it inside.

Lovely, indeed, was the prologue the lady wrote to explain things generally to the miserable wretches who hadn't read her book. "It was rich to the verge of cream. In this prologue Mrs. Glyn exalted pleasing little interviews between the busy King of Sardis and his Queen, and here are wiffs of the dialogue to show how a charming authoress gets gay with the stage."

As the Queen, stired in swishing black chiffon, with her Burnes-Jones hair done into excellent fingerlocks all over her head, Mrs. Glyn cried to the King: "You have dragged your kingdom in the mire. I die of shame to call you husband, even in name only," to which His Nibs of Sardis retorted, "As for you, get to hell. Get me an heir, I say, get me an heir; then I shall be satisfied."

The Adelphi audience held their breath. Such a rude speech from a mere husband was distressing if humorous. Then Mrs. Glyn, doing the drawing-up act, hurried this at him: "You base and miserable man, words cannot express the contempt I feel for you. Thank God, you cannot have a son: no heir can come from me except in happiness."

Certain, and much relief.

"Three Weeks" then proceeded to let lose four acts, the last containing two epilogues. The way had been cleared, so that all that remained was for the Queen to meet the gallant Paul, heir-furnisher to that particular majesty. The novel classic of Sarah Jane, a titbit of sandwich which shows the joys of the kitchen-maid, was pretty closely followed, and that means, of course, that there was no conspicuous play. The lovely Queen stooping over lanky Paul, caressing his pomaded hair and doing a sort of a love dance around him as he spins on the chandelied light, was among the many things, but not dramatic.

The amount of talk she unlearned was appalling when Paul wasn't there. She apostrophized the tiger-skin, "Tiger, tiger, why may I not love and live with a human woman?" to which the tiger-skin said nothing. How could it, under the circumstances?

Paul she addressed as a great, big, beautiful baby, and cooed at him as "my priceless one." I am bound to say that her appearance belied him. I should imagine his price was about 25 per cent. or less. They loved in the lady's room in Lucerne, and they loved in the loggia of the palace in Venice. Switzerland didn't seem to suffer very much from Italy, as far as love went, there was plenty of it. Neither the lady nor Paul seemed to weary of their eternal and eternal billing, but the audience did. Had it been a pay audience there would have been titters to burn.

Mrs. Glyn was really amusing, always when she thought she was not. Her voice is low and monotonous. She said startling things as though she were asking Paul to pass the mustard. Her old friends the Pilgrim Mothers, would have loved to have seen her if it be true that revenge is sweet.

What looked no was her farewell to Paul. When Vasili had brought news from her kingly husband that Paul would be killed unless she leaves him immediately, she places Paul on the tiger-skin sofa, sits on the other side and kind of hypnotizes him to sleep. Occasionally she says his head and almost squeezes it to pulp. Salome, who is great on heads, isn't in it with Mrs. Glyn and poor Paul's in "Three Weeks."

The third act is called "At the end of three weeks" and with a premonition that was nothing less than dazzling, she tells Paul there will be an heir of which he'll be the father. I caught sight of Mario Toppet doing a giggle and I distinctly spotted that ancient ingenu, Mary Moore looking dazed. Paul himself took the prophesy quietly enough. Poor chap! More men cannot cope with such strange, unassuming things.

Paul in this case was Charles Bryant. Somebody suggested that Elinor, who is a guest at the hotel where Mrs. Glyn stays, would have been more appropriate. I think so too. Poor Bryant seemed miserable. Such an evanescent fellow seemed to shrink him, as well it might. An actor called Lionel Braham, with a voice like thunder, played Vasili, and he made the audience laugh.

There was plenty of staging, many flowers and much sound. If Mrs. Glyn would play the part in New York that city would have the time of its life, for she tries to be Nativian and to ring in a whirl of Bernhardt.

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INDRAHAYO...21st September, at 5 p.m.  
For Freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, August 16, 1908.

### Notices to Consignees

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Company having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from along-side.  
Cargo not being the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 18th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SARSOON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 17, 1908. 1270

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP PATRAN.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to rent.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, on or before the 14th October, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd inst., at 8 p.m.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 16, 1908. 1284

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER VILLE DE LA CROIX.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or other ports are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.  
All Claims must be presented to the Underwriter and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, on or before the 21st September, or they will not be recognized.  
All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 21st September, at 8 p.m.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, September 18, 1908. 1285

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship Austria, having arrived from Trieste, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.  
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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, on or before the 21st September, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 21st September, 1908, will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, MILLER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 14, 1908. 1282

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER ORIENT.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

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### FOREIGN BANK NOTES

CONDENSED.

The Heads of the Treasury at Peking have become exercised, it appears, at the presence of so many foreign bank notes in circulation in the eighteen provinces and are taking steps to restrict their use. It is affirmed that at present there is in circulation throughout the provinces of Kwangtung alone, no less than five millions' worth of twenty cent pieces, silver dollars and bank notes. This amount of currency, it is maintained, is quite sufficient for the needs of business and therefore steps should be taken to prevent the products of other mints from finding currency within the borders of the province. Meanwhile, with what truth we cannot say, it is suspected that the gross value of foreign notes now in circulation throughout the province is greater than that of native notes. As to the means to be adopted to drive out the foreign notes we read that a further white national bank will be established that will be responsible for the notes, redeeming them at their face value. By so doing, it is hoped that some obstacles will be placed in the way of the foreign bank notes. Indeed, it is threatened that steps will presently be taken to prevent foreign notes being passed as legal tender, and with the exception of such parts of China as are leased to foreign countries, Chinese bank notes only will be allowed to be received and taken by those doing business therein. It will be interesting to watch the outcome of this promised interference on the part of the Treasury at Peking with the wishes of the trading population in the South. The Chinese are patriotic enough to support their own countrymen when their own private interests are not injured by the measure. On the other hand, like many others of the human family, they are not willing to support their own Government when they themselves are likely to be the losers by so doing, or when they know that there is a more excellent way, which can be followed without losing face. The agitation against foreign bank notes will be short lived, we imagine, especially in southern China.

### Notices to Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship PRINZ WALDEMAR.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th of September, at 10 a.m.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hongkong, September 17, 1908. 1273

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP BENDORAN.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

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Hongkong, September 16, 1908. 1263

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### HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday September 10th, 1908.  
At 100 units per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

Beef steaks and prime cut-Mal Kang Pa...	18
.. Corned-Ham Ngan Yik...	18
.. Roast-Shiu...	18
.. Breast-Ngan Lam...	15
.. Soup-Tong Yik...	15
.. Steak-Ngan Yik Pa...	18
.. Canton Ngan Lau Shik...	22
.. Sausages-Ngan Cheung...	25
.. Belloc's Bait...	10
.. Tongue fresh-Ngan Lai...	68
.. .. corned-Ham Ngan Pa...	80
.. Head-Ngan Tai...	12
.. Heart-Ngan Sun...	12
.. Lump, Salt-Ngan Kiu...	12
.. Feet-Ngan Kerk...	7
.. Kidneys-Ngan Yik...	10
.. Tail-Ngan Mai...	17
.. Liver-Ngan Con...	12
.. Tripe (undressed)-Ngan To...	7

Calves Head & Feet-Ngan Chai-lau-lau, set \$1.00

Button Chop-Young Pal Kwat...	25
.. Leg-Young Pal...	20
.. Shoulder-Young Shau...	20
.. Pig's Chittlings-Chi chong...	24



## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by M. Ping of the Hongkong Observatory:—  
On the 18th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably in Japan, and fallen slightly over N. China.  
Pressure has a tendency to give away over the Philippines.  
The lowest pressure is over Manchuria in the North, and over the S. part of the China Sea and the Southern Philippines in the South. It is highest over E. Japan. Moderate N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.  
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches.  
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.  
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N.E. and E. winds moderate; showery.  
2.—Formosa Channel, Same as No. 1.  
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lanchow: Same as No. 1.  
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

## SEEMED TOO ILL TO LIVE.

ANOTHER MALARIA VICTIM'S LIFE  
SAVED BY  
DR WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS

"ABOUT 13 months ago I began to suffer from Malaria Fever," said Mr. M. Dwyer, in a letter to the Durian Daily Hospital, Malacca. "As time went on the attacks became worse, until at last they were so bad as to confine me to bed for a month. My appetite completely failed, I was continually vomiting night and day, and could not drink even a glass of water. I had severe headaches, slept badly, and was very thin and pale. There were times when it seemed I could not live many hours longer, and more than once the Priest went to the church to receive the last rites of the Church for me."



passing into the world beyond the grave. "I tried many medicines, but none of them did me any good until one day I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did so and soon felt great relief. I continued using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until the fever had altogether gone, my appetite was restored, the vomiting and headaches had ceased—in short until I was completely cured. It is now about nine and a half months ago since my wonderful cure by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I am sure that my present good health is due entirely to them."

The action of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is direct on the blood; they take the blood rich, red, and good, and then the blood, in its turn, drives the poisons which cause disease out of the system. Testimony proves that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have cured almost countless cases of Anemia (weak watery blood), Debility, Nervous Breakdown, Early Decay, Indigestion, Liver Complaint, Malaria, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Beri-Beri, disorders of the skin such as Eczema, Scrofula, Pimples, Boils; and the after effects of Fever, Dysentery and Cholera. Women all over the world know how good they are for the special ailments of their sex, and men broken down by overwork, residence in unhealthy climates, or by other causes, are speedily restored by their use. Obtainable at most chemists and medicine men, or, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Singapore, who send 6 bottles for \$25, or 1 bottle for \$1.50, post free to any address.

## To-day's Advertisements

## HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

ENTRIES for the Hongkong Cricket League Shield Competition 1908/9, will close to the undersigned on SATURDAY, 20th September.  
Entrance Fee \$10 each team.  
A. E. ASGER.  
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.  
Hongkong, September 18, 1908. 1978

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship HAIKONG.  
Captain PASHORE, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 2 p.m.  
A reduction of 50% on First-Class Fares to Fochow, will be made during the month of September.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LARSEN & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 18, 1908. 1979

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

## FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN AND MANILA.

CONSIGNERS OF CARGO per Steamship The above named Steamship having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for consignments, and to take immediate delivery from aboard the ship.

Cargo inspecting the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.  
Cargo remaining on board after SATURDAY, the 19th September, 1908, at 12 Noon, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
All Cargo undelivered on FRIDAY, September 19th, 1908, at 12 Noon, will be subject to return to the ship.

All cargo and other documents will be examined at the above Company's Office on THURSDAY, the 24th Sept.

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## To-day's Advertisements

## HARBOUR-MASTERS DEPARTMENT.

IT is hereby notified that information has been received from the HETTERY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On TUESDAY, the 22nd September:—  
From Lyemum in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 12 Noon, and finishing at 2 p.m.  
On THURSDAY, the 24th September:—  
From Lyemum in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m., and finishing at 11 p.m.

On FRIDAY, the 25th September:—  
From Devil's Peak in a South-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 1,000 yards, commencing 6 p.m., and finishing at 7 p.m.

On THURSDAY, the 1st October:—  
From Lyemum in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m., and finishing at 11 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, Practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Comd., R.N., Harbour Master, etc.

Hongkong, September 18, 1908. 1277

In the Matter of Ordinance No. 2 of 1892.

In the Matter of the Petition of FREDERICK WILLIAM GIFFORD, JUDGE, and WARD GARDEN GIFFORD, Engineer, both of 840, New York Life Building, Kansas City, Missouri, United States of America, for Letters Patent for 'Improvements in apparatus for producing the illusion of travelling in a railroad car or the like, corresponding to Letters Patent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland No. 1,669 of 1907.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition, Declaration and Specification required by the above cited Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said FREDERICK WILLIAM GIFFORD and WARD GARDEN GIFFORD by HERBERT HADDAN & CO., Agents for the Applicants, to apply for Letters Patent for the colonies use within the Colony of Hongkong of the above Invention, at a sitting of the Executive Council to be held at the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, HONGKONG, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of September, 1908, at 2.30 p.m.

Dated the 16th day of September, 1908.

HERBERT HADDAN & CO., Agents for the Applicants, 31 & 33, Bedford Street, Strand, London, W.C.

1280

## AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

Being the Remaining Portion of Section B of Island Lot 115 (No. 5, Szeley Street), situated at VICTORIA, HONGKONG. TO BE SOLD BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION, on

TUESDAY, the 6th October, 1908, at 2.30 o'clock in

ONE LOT, by

Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, at his Auction Rooms, in Duddell Street.

The Property consists of:—

ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Ground situated at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as the REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION B OF ISLAND LOT 115 and all buildings thereon (consisting of No. 5, Szeley Street), and the appurtenances thereto belonging, held under the Crown Lease of Island Lot 115, dated the 18th day of March, 1846, for the term of 75 years from the 2nd March, 1846, subject to an apportioned Crown Rent and to the covenants and conditions contained in the said Lease.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs DENNIS & BOWLEY, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong; or to Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, Sept. 18, 1908. 1978

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, September 18, 1908.

Bank. On demand, 100/-

On 30 days sight, 100/-

On 60 days sight, 100/-

On 90 days sight, 100/-

On 120 days sight, 100/-

On 150 days sight, 100/-

On 180 days sight, 100/-

On 210 days sight, 100/-

On 240 days sight, 100/-

On 270 days sight, 100/-

On 300 days sight, 100/-

On 330 days sight, 100/-

On 360 days sight, 100/-

On 390 days sight, 100/-

On 420 days sight, 100/-

On 450 days sight, 100/-

On 480 days sight, 100/-

On 510 days sight, 100/-

On 540 days sight, 100/-

On 570 days sight, 100/-

On 600 days sight, 100/-

On 630 days sight, 100/-

On 660 days sight, 100/-

On 690 days sight, 100/-

On 720 days sight, 100/-

On 750 days sight, 100/-

On 780 days sight, 100/-

On 810 days sight, 100/-

On 840 days sight, 100/-

On 870 days sight, 100/-

On 900 days sight, 100/-

On 930 days sight, 100/-

On 960 days sight, 100/-

On 990 days sight, 100/-

On 1020 days sight, 100/-

On 1050 days sight, 100/-

On 1080 days sight, 100/-

On 1110 days sight, 100/-

On 1140 days sight, 100/-

On 1170 days sight, 100/-

On 1200 days sight, 100/-

## SHIPPING

## ARRIVALS.

September 17.

Amoy, British steamer, 1,548, C. J. Matlock, Swatow Sept. 18, Genl. — JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.

September 18.

Tsuen, British steamer, 1,348, A. Outerbridge, Moulou Sept. 18, Sugar and Hemp, — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Tiguan, Dutch steamer, 2,444, A. Pander, Macassar Sept. 18, General. — JAVA-CHINA JAPAN LINE.

Japan, British steamer, 4,805, T. J. Steeles, Yokohama, via Kobe and Shanghai Sept. 18, General. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Quessant, French steamer, 5,317, J. Movic, Anvers and Saigon September 15, General. — MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Shanghai, British steamer, 1,047, F. Jamieson, Haiphong Sept. 12, P. Kohli, and Hallow 17, General. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Pinguey, British steamer, 5,441, J. Baber, Liverpool and Singapore Sept. 13, General. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

China, American steamer, 3,180, D. E. Friele, San Francisco Aug. 18, and Manila Sept. 15, Mails and General. — P. M. S. Co.

Expire, British steamer, 2,845, P. T. Helms, Melbourne August 17, and Manila Sept. 15, General. — GUN, LIVERPOOL & Co.

Chongking, British steamer, 1,418, W. K. Sawyer, Sourabaya Sept. 8, Sugar. — JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.

Gilbert, French steamer, 850, Douaroux, Hongkong-August and Macao September 17, General. — GUN, LIVERPOOL & Co.

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Malta, British steamer, 3,900, H. Powell, Yokohama Sept. 9, Mails and General. — P. & O. S. N. Co.

Hongkong, British steamer, from Canton.

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